

Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the originally filed claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 17 (cancelled).

Claim 18 (new): A composition comprising a fatty external phase and a gelled aqueous phase, wherein said aqueous phase represents about 60% to about 98% by weight of said composition, wherein:

- a) the aqueous phase comprises a polymer of polyelectrolyte type; and
- b) the fatty phase comprises:
 - i) one or more oils; and
 - ii) an emulsifying system with a lipophilic nature comprising one or more emulsifying surfactants.

Claim 19 (new): The composition of claim 18, wherein the oily phase and the aqueous phase each further comprise at least one sunscreen.

Claim 20 (new): The composition of claim 18, wherein the oily phase or the aqueous phase further comprise at least one sunscreen.

Claim 21 (new): The composition of claim 19, wherein said emulsifying system comprises at least one emulsifying surfactant selected from the group consisting of:

- a) alkylpolyglycosides;
- b) compositions formed of alkylpolyglycoside(s) and of fatty alcohol(s);
- c) optionally alkoxyated polyol esters; and
- d) polyethylene glycol/alkyl glycol copolymers.

Claim 22 (new): The composition of claim 21, wherein said optionally alkoxyated polyol esters comprise optionally alkoxyated polyol polyhydroxystearates.

Claim 23 (new): The composition of claim 19, wherein said emulsifying system comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of:

- a) an optionally alkoxyated polyglycerol ester;
- b) an optionally alkoxyated polyglycol polyhydroxystearate; and
- c) a polyethylene glycol/alkyl glycol copolymer,

in combination with an alkylpolyglycoside or a composition formed of at least one alkylpolyglycoside and at least one fatty alcohol.

Claim 24 (new): The composition of claim 19, further comprising sunscreen which represents from approximately 2% up to approximately 40% by weight of said composition.

Claim 25 (new): The composition of claim 24, wherein said sunscreen represents from approximately 5% up to approximately 20% by weight of said composition.

Claim 26 (new): The composition of claim 19, wherein said oily phase further comprises one or more inorganic fillers.

Claim 27 (new): A process for the preparation of a composition comprising a fatty external phase and a gelled aqueous phase, wherein said aqueous phase represents from about 60% up to about 98% by weight of said composition, wherein:

- a) the aqueous phase comprises a polymer of polyelectrolyte type; and
- b) the fatty phase comprises one or more oils and an emulsifying system with a lipophilic nature comprising one or more emulsifying surfactants,

wherein said process comprises the following stages:

- a) said fatty phase comprising one or more oils and an emulsifying system with a lipophilic nature comprising one or more emulsifying surfactants and optionally one or more sunscreens is prepared;
- b) a gelled aqueous phase comprising a polymer of polyelectrolyte type and optionally one or more sunscreens is prepared, independently of the fatty phase; and
- c) the fatty phase is added to the aqueous phase.

Claim 28 (new): The process of claim 27, wherein said emulsifying system comprises at least one emulsifying surfactant selected from the following group:

- a) alkylpolyglycosides;
- b) compositions formed of alkylpolyglycoside(s) and of fatty alcohol(s);
- c) optionally alkoxylated polyol esters; and
- d) polyethylene glycol/alkyl glycol copolymers.

Claim 29 (new): The process of claim 27, wherein said emulsifying system further comprises:

- a) alkylpolyglycosides;
- b) compositions formed of alkylpolyglycoside(s) and of fatty alcohol(s);
- c) optionally alkoxyated polyol polyhydroxystearates; and
- d) polyethylene glycol/alkyl glycol copolymers

Claim 30 (new): The process of claim 27, in which the emulsifying system comprises at least one selected from the following group:

- a) an optionally alkoxyated polyglycerol ester;
- b) an optionally alkoxyated polyglycol polyhydroxystearate; and
- c) a polyethylene glycol/alkyl glycol copolymer,

in combination with an alkylpolyglycoside or a composition formed of alkylpolyglycoside(s) and of fatty alcohol(s).

Claim 31 (new): The process of claim 27, wherein said polymer is selected from the group consisting of:

- a) copolymers;
- b) homopolymers, which may or may not be crosslinked or branched, based on monomers having a partially or completely salified strong acid or weak acid functional group or a cationic functional group, wherein said monomers are selected from the group consisting of:
 - 1) styrenesulphonic acid;
 - 2) 2-sulphoethyl methacrylate;
 - 3) styrenephosphonic acid which is partially salified;
 - 4) styrenephosphonic acid which is completely salified;
 - 5) 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid (AMPS) which is partially salified in the form of the sodium salt, of the ammonium salt, or of the monoethanolamine salt.
 - 6) 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid (AMPS) which is completely salified in the form of the sodium salt, of the ammonium salt, or of the monoethanolamine salt.

Claim 32 (new): The process of claim 27, wherein said polymer comprises at least one member selected from the following group consisting of:

- a) copolymers of acrylic acid and of 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid (AMPS);
- b) copolymers of acrylamide and of 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid;

- c) copolymers of 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid and of 2-hydroxyethyl acrylate, 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid homopolymer;
- d) acrylic acid homopolymer;
- e) copolymers of acryloylethyltrimethylammonium chloride and of acrylamide;
- f) copolymers of AMPS and of vinylpyrrolidone;
- g) copolymers of acrylic acid and of alkyl acrylates, wherein the carbonaceous chain comprises between 10 and 30 carbon atoms; and
- h) copolymers of AMPS and of alkyl acrylates, wherein the carbonaceous chain comprises between 10 and 30 carbon atoms.

Claim 33 (new): The process of claim 27, wherein said aqueous phase comprises at least one emulsifying surfactant.

Claim 34 (new): The process of claim 27, wherein said gelled aqueous phase is obtained by dissolving said polymer and has a resulting viscosity of between about 0.5 and about 300 Pa·s.

Claim 35 (new): The process of claim 34, wherein said gelled aqueous phase has a viscosity of between about 1.0 and about 150 Pa·s.

Claim 36 (new): The process of claim 35, wherein said gelled aqueous phase has viscosity of between about 5 and about 100 Pa·s.

Claim 37 (new): The process of claim 27, wherein said fatty phase is added to said aqueous phase at a temperature of less than about 55°C.

Claim 38 (new): The process of claim 37, wherein said fatty phase is added to said aqueous phase at a temperature of between about 15°C and about 35°C.

Claim 39 (new): The process of claim 27, wherein said phases are mixed with a stirring rate of less than about 1000 revolutions per minute.

Claim 40 (new): The process of claim 39, wherein said phases are mixed with a stirring rate of between about 80 and about 800 revolutions per minute.

Claim 41 (new): A composition which may be utilized in a cosmetics, pharmaceutical, veterinary, or detergent preparation comprising the composition of claim 18.

Claim 42 (new): A composition which may be utilized in a cosmetics, pharmaceutical, veterinary, or detergent preparation, prepared by the process of claim 27.

Claim 43 (new): The composition of claim 41, further comprising sunscreen.